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Gentlemen:

I would like to encourage you to finalize the Microsoft Settlement as agreed to by the nine states and the federal government. Additional time and expense seeking other remedies is not in the best interests of the public, the states involved, the federal government or consumers. Those parties who seek to continue this litigation do not have any of the the aforementioned entities in mind but continue to seek remedies which are not fair to all parties.

This litigation has come at considerable expense to the government and the economy. The cost to US world-wide technology leadership continues to escalate, again not in the best interests of technology US based leaders, employees of those companies or our economy. Those states who choose to continue the fight should do so at their own risk and expense since most have business bias or politics as the basis for their battle, not economic fairness and reality. . I hope you would agree this country has far more important issues to address.

I appreciate your consideration of the opinion I have voiced and implore you to finalize this settlement.

Best Wishes,

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